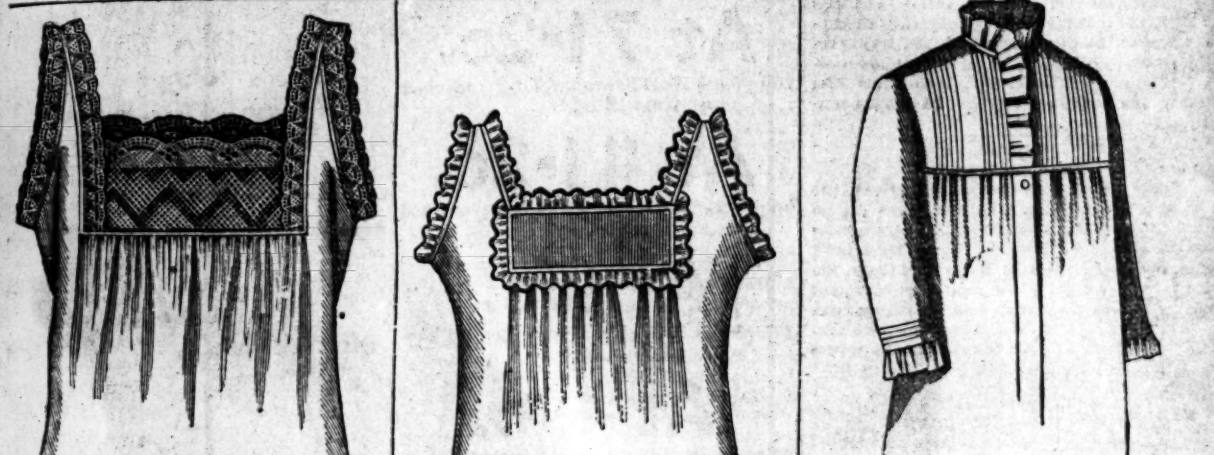


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Rev. Dr. J. A. Hall,
CINCINNATI, January 2.—Rev. Dr. J. A. Hall, formerly President of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, died yesterday in Covington, Ky., aged 82.

THE GREAT TURF FRAUD.

HENRY BENSON, THE MOST DARING SWINDLER IN THE WORLD.

Arrested in Brussels for Swindling. After Being Released from Penal Servitude for Turf Frauds—The Noted Deceitful Swindler Engineered by Benson, Assisted by Prominent English Officials.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
New York, January 5.—The publication in yesterday's World of the following dispatch recalls one of the greatest of modern swindling schemes:
BRUSSELS, January 1.—One of the men arrested here yesterday in connection with swindling operation as a bogus news agency is a detective named Benson, who was recently released from penal servitude to which he had been sentenced for turf frauds.
Henry Benson, who is probably the person referred to in the above dispatch, is undoubtedly one of the most daring swindlers in the world, and has several times fallen into the clutches of the law. The most prominent swindling operation in which Henry Benson is known to have been connected, and for which he was sentenced to fifteen years' penal servitude, was the famous DeGoncourt case, in 1877. This remarkable trial was concluded April 23 of that year, five persons being charged with what was then termed "The Great Turf Fraud." Most of the prisoners were betting men, who entrapped the prosecutor, Countess DeGoncourt, into a series of turf speculations from which untold wealth was produced. In August, 1877, the Countess received a letter accompanied by an English newspaper, called the Sportsman, which contained a French translation of an article in the Sportsman and told of the phenomenal success achieved by a Mr. Hugh Montgomery, the inventor of a new mode of betting, which brought him a fortune of £25,000, which he was spending for charity. Miss DeGoncourt was enticed by these representations to embark in the speculations, and she received in return for the money invested in the scheme, a check for £25,000 drawn on the "Royal Bank of London," of C. Simpson.
Countess made fresh remittances and ultimately she sent sums of money to the amount of £10,000 to a person named T. Elerton, a "turf book-maker."
The detective woman was then informed that in order to retain the sum already won it was necessary to send a further sum of £1,000. In order to raise the money Miss DeGoncourt found it necessary to consult her legal adviser in Paris, and this led to the detection of the fraud. The Sportsman, which was a bogus publication, one of the prisoners having induced a printer in Edinburgh to print 500 copies of one number, which was sent to the Countess. The "Royal Bank of London" was non-existent. The Governor of Newgate, having suspected that an attempt had been made to corrupt the officials of the jail, caused Benson, the chief mover in the fraud, to be searched, and upon him were found documents which disclosed a scheme to escape, a bold and ingenious one as could be imagined. The jury found Benson guilty of forgery, William Kerr and Frederick Kerr were also found guilty on some of the counts, and Murray an accessory after the fact. At the trial it was found that Benson, in 1872, had been already convicted of a felony in forging a receipt for £2,000. The Countess DeGoncourt asked that mercy might be shown the prisoners, but Benson was sentenced to be kept prisoner for fifteen years; Wm. Kerr, Frederick Kerr and Charles Hale each to ten years penal servitude, and Murray to eight years.

Mr. Benson was also committed to prison as an accessory before the fact. He was accepted for Forgery and Inspector Clarke, Detective of Scotland Yard, police headquarters, London, and Mr. Froggatt, a solicitor, who was in charge of the trial, the inquiry was concluded September 22, 1877, and all the prisoners were committed for trial on the charge of conspiracy to defraud the Countess and as accessories after the fact to the forgery committed by Benson and others.
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The trial lasted five days, and was brought to a conclusion November 30, 1877. Mr. Montagu Williams, in defending Inspector Melkelson, declared Benson and Kerr as "excellent in vice and exquisite in fraud." The trial attracted a decided sensation throughout the world, involving, as it did, the honor of the heads of the London police force, the Countess DeGoncourt, a French noblewoman, the hero of the ring, betting against the runners with other peoples' money, the hero of the ring, betting against the runners with other peoples' money, the hero of the ring, betting against the runners with other peoples' money.

Chief Inspector Clarke, a veteran of nearly thirty years' service on the police force, was found not guilty. The other prisoners were found guilty, the jury recommending Drusevitch and Palmer to mercy. The whole four were then sentenced to two years' imprisonment with hard labor. Clarke being released on his own recognizance to appear, if called upon, on a future occasion. The Countess DeGoncourt excited much sympathy, as they were all first-class men—Clarke, a veteran, as already mentioned; Drusevitch, an accomplished linguist, speaking a dozen languages, and Palmer, a brilliant and accomplished man, said to be in Australia, stood the greater part of the blame, justly or unjustly. During the trial of the officers it was developed that they had conspired with the gang of swindlers headed by Benson. The Countess DeGoncourt, and endeavored to prevent the swindlers being brought to justice.
A NEW CHICAGO LINE.
The Incorporation of the Zanesville, Mount Vernon and Marion Railway.
ZANESVILLE, OHIO, January 5.—Articles for the incorporation of the Zanesville, Mount Vernon and Marion Railway, to extend from Zanesville to Marion, Ohio, a distance of ninety miles, have been filed with the Secretary of State at Columbus. The capital stock, for the present, is fixed at \$25,000, in shares of \$50 each. Before construction, however, the capital stock will be increased to \$1,000,000. It is expected the survey will show a route forty miles shorter from Zanesville, Ohio, to Chicago than any present lines. Connection will be made with the Chicago and Atlantic at Chicago, and with the Chicago and North Western at Chicago. Business men of this city and Eastern capitalists are at the head of the enterprise. Subscriptions to the capital stock are already assured, and the line will be vigorously pushed. The survey will be commenced January 20.

AT SWORDS' POINTS.

Dr. Moriarty and his Curate, Father Reilly, Have an Interesting Controversy.

By Telegram to the Post-Dispatch.
ST. LOUIS, N. Y., January 5.—Mr. Moriarty, pastor of St. John's, the Evangelist Church in this city, is at swords' points with his curate, Dr. Reilly, the immediate cause of the trouble being a disagreement in the matter of holding funeral services over the remains of Mrs. H. Bush, who died last Friday. Mr. Bush was a Catholic, merely in name, and seldom or never went to mass. Father Reilly attended him during his illness, but administered only the sacrament of extreme unction, as the dying man was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. Moriarty refused permission to hold a funeral service for the remains of Mrs. Bush, who died last Friday. Mr. Bush was a Catholic, merely in name, and seldom or never went to mass. Father Reilly attended him during his illness, but administered only the sacrament of extreme unction, as the dying man was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. 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ns. See Personal Sundries.

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St. Louis Afternoon Board.
Wheat easier, with light trading. Corn firm. Oats stronger.

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AMUSEMENTS.

OPENING OF THE FLORENCE, THE STODDARD LECTURES AND HUNGARIAN BAND.

A Fine Audience Listens to the Lecture on "Spain" in Entertainment Hall—An Interesting Talk on Travel—Draw Poker in the Grand—First Performance of the American Opera Company—Notes.

The audience, as fine in numbers as it was brilliant in quality, which listened to Mr. John L. Stoddard's complimentary and inaugural lecture at Entertainment Hall last night, proved conclusively that a first-class audience in St. Louis is not a thing of the future, but a thing of the present. The opening complimentary lecture, however, was a pleasant innovation on the part of the lecturer, and served as an excellent introduction to the public. The seats and boxes of the hall were filled by the people representative of the best elements of the city, and they listened with interest to the lecture, which was delivered by Mr. Stoddard, who is a well-known lecturer and a first-class audience in St. Louis is not a thing of the future, but a thing of the present.

General Sherman met Mr. John L. Stoddard, the lecturer, after the entertainment last evening, and in a chat with him traced a relative through Amos Stoddard, who the general said, raised the first American flag in St. Louis in 1804 and owned the farm on which General Sherman's residence now stands.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES.

A company has been formed at Amsterdam to drain the Zuyder Zee.

It was the steamer Shillingham and not the Sidonian that was sunk off Sicily.

The British troops have reached Bhamo, where they were cordially received.

The British Parliament will meet on the 11th, when Liberal and Tory will face each other.

Spain claims that Germany is opposed to France's tendency toward Carlist conspirators.

Despite the contradiction of the Vatican organs, the Pope is said to be steadily growing weaker.

A secret trial at Odessa, Russia, sentenced the nobleman Mounichoff to death for nihilism.

Greece has sent to the Powers a note of protest against the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia.

Jules Rosselin, a prominent merchant of Pao de Norte, Mexico, was shot dead by robbers last night.

Dr. D. B. Hamilton of Shreveport, La., was killed yesterday by falling from an L. & N. train at Alabama River Bridge, Ala.

Michael Davitt for the first time took his seat in the Dublin City Council yesterday.

A large crowd gathered outside to greet him.

Ex-County Clerk Redmond and ex-Chief Clerk Staples of Morgan County, Tenn., will be investigated for alleged delinquency.

The property of W. K. Ingersoll's Shipland plantation, near Vicksburg, Miss., was attached by the sheriff Saturday for \$2,000.

Gen. John M. Claiborne of Galveston has a scheme to rebuild that town with New York capital. The prospects are not favorable.

Contrary to general expectation in European circles, King Milan was given an enthusiastic reception at the service capital yesterday.

A torpedo broke loose from its moorings on the coast of Tripoli, and is liable to wreck some vessels in the Mediterranean.

Wm. Munden, after completing a three years' term for stealing at Jeffersonville, Ky., was rearrested for murder as he stepped from the train.

The Balkan Conference has been abandoned, Russia refusing to guarantee the independence of the union of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia.

The State Department has just sent to Ericson, the inventor, the grand cross of the Order of Naval Merit, conferred by the late King Alfonso of Spain.

The new treaty, "The Bureau," was a failure, the author of "The Private Secretary," was a failure, the author of "The Private Secretary," was a failure.

A well-known man in Arden, Ore., but whose name is withheld, claiming to have a 13-year-old girl at that place last week. No arrest has been made.

An income tax bill has been introduced in the Legislative Council of India, to meet a deficit of \$10,000,000 in the budget.

Premier Macdonald of Canada was banqueting by the St. George's Club in London last night. In his address he praised the loyalty of the French-Canadians.

Mack Byars was killed in the Choctaw National lottery, Fort Smith, Ark., on New Year's by a man called Dr. Bandy.

A drunken fight caused the murder of Mack Byars.

Efforts were made yesterday to relieve the destitute on the island of Achill, Ireland, but a severe storm prevented. Nearly 500 of the islanders are subsisting on seaweed.

William L. Heisermann, now at Memphis, Tenn., is to be brought back to Ashley, Ill., to answer the charge of seducing a young woman of that place named Miss Doris Flanagan.

Deaths in both Burmah are in a pretty mess. Dacoits are plundering both sections, burning and pillaging entire villages. The British army in India will be re-enforced by 3,000 men in a few weeks.

The annual Convention of the Knights of Labor at yesterday at Galveston in secret session. The Knights absolutely exclude representatives of the press. The Convention adjourned to-morrow.

It has transpired that there is a miller at the bottom of the troubles of John G. Miller, the successful contractor of Vincennes, Ind. Miller deserted his wife and family and went to Texas with the other woman.

The Cherokee Council has passed laws preventing the shipping of game outside the Nation; granting authority to build a telephone line between Tahquamenon and Muskegon; and to reduce the tax on non-citizen labor from \$1 to 50 cents per month.

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THE HAMILTON COUNTY ELECTIONS.

The Committee on Privileges and Elections to Make a Searching Investigation.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, January 4.—The House of Representatives adopted a resolution this morning, authorizing the Committee on Privileges and Elections to employ a stenographer, and incur other necessary expenses, to a proper investigation of the Hamilton County election cases. The impression prevails that the committee will be deliberate and searching in the inquiry, and will probably send a portion of their time in Cincinnati.

WHAT IS LIQUID BREAD? The question answered: It is pure malt extract, of delightful taste and odor. A most nourishing beverage. Grocers and druggists can fill your orders.

A Special Tax-Bill Case.

The Court of Appeals to-day affirmed the judgment of the lower court in the case of William K. Allen against Falmouth Rogers and others. This was an action on a special tax bill issued to Mr. Allen as contractor for street reconstruction. It was the ordinance passed at a special session and the Mayor in his message designated the subjects of legislation for which the session was called, but failed to refer to the matter of assessing costs for street improvements against adjacent property. The special session was necessary, because in the charter originally framed, no general session could be held on the first Tuesday in April, the time designated for the convening of regular sessions each year.

The Court of Appeals holds that the lower court did right in giving an instruction to the effect that the Municipal Assembly had the power to pass an ordinance authorizing the work of construction, and that the work was left to the lowest bidder.

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The Fire Department.

A very quick "hitch up" was made by Truck Company No. 5 last night at 9 o'clock. Captain George Thomsen watched the time, and the record showed six seconds with the horses running 20 feet.

Mrs. J. L. D. Morrison writes to the committee of arrangements of the Fireman's ball that she is thoroughly in accord with the movement, and will lend every assistance in her power as an individual and as a woman of the community which these brave men serve. Mrs. Morrison has a kindly feeling for every charity worthy of her support.

THE CIVIL COURTS.

OPINIONS HANDS DOWN TO-DAY IN THE COURT OF APPEALS.

Decisions on Questions of Importance to Creditors and Taxpayers—The Board of Public Improvements and the Regulation of Telephone Poles—Allegations Against a Former Assignee—Matters in Litigation.

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